



**West Vancouver Field Hockey Club
AGM**

Wednesday Dec 2nd 2020 via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:

Chris Baggot
Kaela Barker
Alexa Bodel
Amy Brooks
Brian Bryson
Gregor Copland

Taylor Curran
Isla Drummond
Sue Goddard
Cher La Coste
Ceri Oaten
George Haughn

Mark Vaughan
Charlotte Burns
Kari Hendricks
Geoff Matthews
Annabel Pringle

1. Call to Order 7.01 and Welcome MS
2. Approval of minutes from last AGM Dec 4th 2019
GC moved to approve CBt 2nd
All in favour
Introductions: CB introduced the participants
3. Presentation of the Club Financial position: Gregor Copland
Financial Summary: Loss of \$74k for 2020. Government gave WVFHC a subsidy of \$42k
We deferred costs and saved costs as we could but Spring League is crucial to our annual income.
WVFHC has reserves in excess of \$300k so we have sufficient to cope with a loss.
Budgeting for 2021 shows a small loss, we hope to break even.
Our robust summer 2020 program has given us a strong start to FY2021.
4. Appointment of the Auditor.
GC motioned we do not need to employ an auditor as he performs this role as he oversees our accountant and audits the finances this way. . 2nd SG. All in favour.

5. President's Report to Members: Mark Vaughan

There were a number of important things that happened in 2020 for the WVFHC, and not all of them were horrible and caused by Covid.

I would like to hit on some of the important non-Covid things first.

#1. We hired our CEO, Charlotte Burns in 2020. This has been a fantastic addition to the staff team and allowed us to continue to offer the highest level of services in field hockey in North America.

#2. We hired Matt Noseworthy to do our Brand Management Book to create a focused and unified look and feel for the club. That is currently a work in progress but getting closer and closer to a unified look and feel.

#3. We got through our first year of using the new Rutledge Turf and it has been a success.

#4. In this year, we have gotten all of the teams in all of the divisions to sign up with Sports Engine and to use them to manage their games. This is a significant achievement and will help to align and streamline our process over time.

#5 The uniform committee worked hard all year to select a uniform supplier for the 2020 season, but that was derailed by Covid. What wasn't derailed though was the selection of the Field Hockey Shack to supply the Club with a line of awesome swag (and determine uniforms later), including toques and sweatshirts, in time for Christmas ordering.

#6. On an amazing note, we were fortunate enough to be approached by Field Hockey Canada to become the home turf to the Women's National Team in addition to the Men's National Team. This is an incredible opportunity because of the opportunities to inspire the numerous young women and girls who call WVFHC their home. It has also strengthened a very strong and supportive relationship that FHC has with WVFHC.

Now onto the Covid items.

Covid hit us like a truck. You are already aware of the financial implications, but to the staff, the implications went way beyond dollars. From having to change the process with respect to social events to changes in programming, every aspect of our operations were impacted.

We were fortunate enough, thanks to programs from the Federal Government, to be able to not change our staffing levels. This was fantastic. In turn, our staff went above and beyond in 2020 to deliver so much more to our members than I would have believed possible.

The board would like to thank Charlotte Burns, Geoff Matthews, Kari Hendricks, Annabel Pringle, and Bettina Harris for all of the work they have put in for us. Really, what you achieved in this year of difficulties was amazing and allowed so many families, so many of our family of field hockey players to get out of their isolation and run and play and feel like they belonged in a time when they needed it most.

The winter program went off as usual in 2019/2020.

Winter:

Winter Wolves: 6 (juniors)

Winter Indoor: 79 (juniors)

Strength & Conditioning: 12 (juniors)

Continuation of Men's League: 83

Continuation of Women's League: 202

Spring league was entirely cancelled due to Covid and that was a huge blow. We typically run 3 programs in spring and they were all cancelled. Spring Break Camps: Spring League: Hockey Fit Spring:

Geoff developed a robust and safe program to replace our summer drop in. Summer drop in is usually run by Dan Pescott and we are always thankful for the effort he puts in, but due to Covid, we had to completely revamp how drop in was done, and I can say from personal experience, it was a tremendous success.

Summer:

July Junior Summer Sessions: 271 juniors

Adult Drop-in Sessions: 106

July Family Drop in: 24

August Junior Summer Sessions: 181 juniors

Adult Drop-in Sessions: 107

We are just completing the first half of our fall program and again, Geoff stepped up to design a program that allowed both the Men's and the Women's leagues to separately decide whether they wanted to play in a new, safe, local league or the Men's and Women's leagues. The men chose the local league and the women chose the Women's league. Both choices looked to be working out well, but an upswell in Covid numbers cut the women's league short. Again, Geoff quickly set up and programmed inter-team 5 on 5 for the women so they could continue to get all of the benefits of field hockey while following all of the Covid rules from the Provincial government. The men's league was divided up into 2 cohorts, recreational and non-recreational (or as we like to call it, skilled). This has been a HUGE success and we are currently in the middle of playoffs, with the finals next week. Go team Brooks!!

Fall:

Fall Hockey 5's: 205 (juniors)

Wolves: 20 (juniors)

HP Dev: 54 (juniors)

HP: 58 (juniors)

Junior Program*: 6

Adult Recreation: 16

Fall Hockey Fit: 19

Men's League: 76

Women's League: 144

*academy style program run by request as NV academy not running in 2020

The women are currently deciding how to proceed for the second half of the league and regardless of their choice, I know that Geoff will make sure they have what they need to have a successful and safe 2021.

I know I only mentioned the work that Geoff has put in, in terms of the programming, but I am well aware that the success of all of these programs relies on the hard work of all of our staff to pull these things off.

On a final note of thanks, most of you know that Margi and I are more like co-presidents rather than vice-president/president. I don't think there is anyone I enjoy working with more than Margi. Margi, thank you for putting up with me.

So, 2021 will be a year of challenges. None as difficult as 2020 I hope, but it is likely that this pandemic won't be over until late in 2021, and that is what we have planned for. Staff has developed a program for Spring that should be able to operate in a pandemic environment. There will be more challenges ahead I am sure, but I am equally as sure that we have the right team assembled to see a successful resolution to any challenge thrown our way.

Really, I just ask each and every one of you to take a second and think of what we have done, in the middle of a pandemic, through a year that will live in the history books forever. What we have done to bring normality into the lives of our members. A normality that is sorely needed. Again, I want to thank the board and the staff who worked throughout 2020 to do this.

6. Election of Directors: Junior Representatives (3), Senior Representatives (3)
Senior: Chris B, Margi nominated by Mark V. Mark V: nominated by Margi
Junior: Isla, Amy, & Gregor : nominated by Sue Goddard.
Any additional nominations None
Voted by acclamation.
7. Other Business: none
8. Adjournment 7:33pm